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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Tuesday, October 25, 2005
Date/Time of Occurrence Thursday, October 6, 2005
Nature of Event: Garcia Named as Suspect in Wilson Disappearance
Location of Call: Auburn
Case Number: SO-05-14745
Released by: Lt. George Malim, (530) 889-7862

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Mario Flavio Garcia, the Auburn man who has been a person of interest in the disappearance of Christie Wilson, has been officially named as a suspect.

In a bail-reduction hearing at the Placer County Jail Monday, Garcia was named as a suspect in the case that's now being investigated as a homicide. Wilson, 27, gambled with the 53-year-old Garcia on the night of October 4 at the Thunder Valley Casino near Lincoln. She was last seen on surveillance videotape walking out of the casino around 1:15 a.m. on October 5.

Also Monday, the California Department of Justice reported that a hair found in Garcia's car was a positive DNA match to Wilson. Garcia told detectives that he and Wilson went their separate ways in the casino parking lot. Investigators are continuing to process physical evidence taken during searches of Garcia's vehicle and residence.

Garcia's bail was not reduced and he remains in custody with bail set at \$1 million. Sheriff's detectives arrested him October 14 on unrelated weapons charges. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11.

Anyone with information on Wilson's whereabouts is urged to call the Sheriff's Department at (530) 889-7867.